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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF US-BRAZIL AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

REF: (A) STATE 288570 (B) STATE 266510

1. SUMMARY: SUBJECT AGREEMENT EXTENDED 30 DAYS BY
EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON NOV 30. DRAFT GOB NOTE ON RENEWING
AND MODIFYING AGREEMENT WITH PROPOSED REVISED TEXT OF BILATERAL
PASSED TO EMBASSY FOR USG CONSIDERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER CONSIDERATION OF US PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION
(REF A) PRESENTED VERALLY BY SCICOUN, FOREIGN MINISTRY
PROPOSED 30 DAY EXTENSION TO DEC 30, 1976, IN NOTE FROM
MINISTER SILVEIRA, AND AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS ACCEPTED FOR USG
IN NOTE RESPONSE, BOTH ON NOV 30. (COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES
GOB WISHES TO CONCLUDE BILATERAL RENEWAL ASAP AND PREFERRABLE
WELL BEFORE US INAUGURATION. END COMMENT).

3. IN RESPONSE TO US PROPOSED NOTE (REF B) NEVER
SENT FORMALLY-FOREIGN MINISTRY GAVE SCICOUN
COPY OF GOB DRAFT NOTE AGREEING TO RENEW BILATERAL
FOR 5 YEARS AND PROPOSING TO AMPLIFYING, AS DISCUSSED
IN THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE GROUP, TO INCLUDE TECHNOLOGICAL
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COOPERATION. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

(EMBASSY TRANSLATION) TO TEXT OF 1971 BILATERAL:

(A) TITLE SHOULD REFER TO "PROGRAM OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION"

(B) PREAMBLE-"RECOGNIZING THAT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WILL STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP STC"

(C) ARTICLE I-"PROGRAM OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION"

(D) ARTICLE II - "COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS"

(E) ARTICLE III - "EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS, TECHNOLOGISTS, AND INFORMATION ETC"

(F) ARTICLE V (ENTIRELY NEW) - "EACH GOVERNMENT WILL DESIGNATE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COORDINATION OF COOPERATION IN THE AREAS DESIGNATED AS PRIORITY AREAS BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT". (COMMENT: GOB MEANS BY THIS THAT NSF/CNPQ RELATIONSHIP WOULD NO LONGER BE EXCLUSIVE BUT ONLY FIRST AMONG NUMBERS OF EQUAL PAIRS OF SIMILAR EXECUTIVE AGENCIES, EACH IN ITS APPROPRIATE FIELD OF COOPERATION. END COMMENT).

(G) ARTICLE VI - "EACH PARTY WILL INSURE THAT FOR JOINT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER THE PROGRAM, DETAILED AGREEMENTS OR MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WILL BE DEVELOPED BY THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OR INSTITUTIONS OF ITS COUNTRY"

(H) ARTICLE IX - "INFORMATION DERIVED FROM THE JOINT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE PROGRAM ETC"

4. IF US IS AGREEABLE TO RECEIVE PROPOSED TEXT, FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL DELIVER FORMAL NOTE AND EMBASSY RESPONSE CAN RENEW BILATERAL.

5. COMMENT. IN GENERAL DISCUSSIONS, FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISED SCICOUN OF THE MANY SUB-AGREEMENTS UNDER BRAZIL FRG BILATERAL, SOME AT UNIVERSITY-TO-UNIVERSITY LEVEL FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS. SCICOUN FLOATED IDEA OF DEVELOPING SUCH AGREEMENTS, SUBJECT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY APPROVAL, UNDER OUR BILATERAL FOR US-INITIATED RESEARCH PROJECTS IN BRAZIL -- EG, ALPHA HELIX EXPEDITION -- AS ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF OBTAINING GOB CONCURRENCE. FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF LEVEL RESPONSE WAS THAT THIS MIGHT BE SIMPLER AND FASTER PROCEDURE, ASSUMING THAT US PROPONENT COULD FIND BRAZILIAN COUNTERPART AND DEVELOP AGREEMENT. END COMMENT.
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